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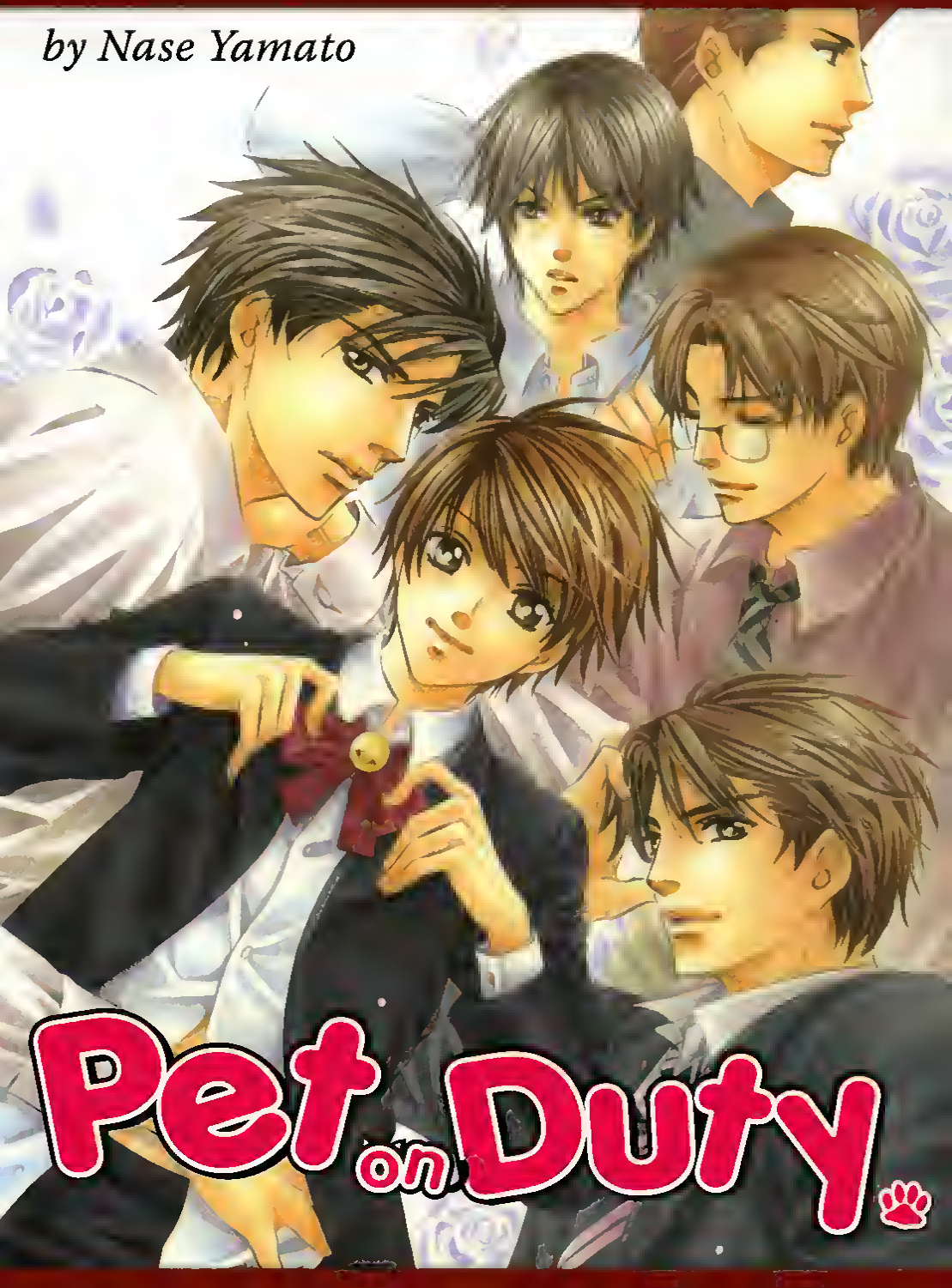

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CAST OF CHARACTERS

MIZUKI TOMURA 18 years old

Mizuki is a high school graduate who decided to work right after graduation instead of going to college. He has a tendency to be reticent because of his past. He tries hard to be independent, but his efforts usually fail.

TORU KUDOU 25 years old

Toru is a workaholic at Repose Corporation. He is standoffish and unfriendly. At first he only cares about work, but gradually he starts feeling sympathetic towards Mizuki.

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KOICHI TOMURA

Koichi is Mizuki's older brother. He's a fellow employee of Toru's at Repose Corporation and also his roommate. Although he gets impatient with Mizuki, he does his best to help out his brother.

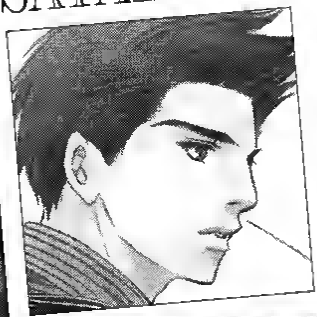
SUGANO

Sugano is also an employee of Repose Corporation and is Toru and Koichi's other roommate. He's easygoing and welcomes Mizuki, especially his cleaning skills.

HARADA

Harada is also an employee of Repose Corporation. He lives on the same floor of the dorms as Toru and Koichi. A bit hot headed, he vies the most for Mizuki's attention.

SATAKE



Satake is another employee of Repose Corporation. He also lives on the same floor of the dorms as Toru and Koichi. Like the other dormmates, he likes to take care of Mizuki.

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EPISODE 1
ちゅう

AFTER 6 MONTHS OF LIVING ON MY OWN...
HUH?
We filed for bankruptcy
WHAT? NO WAY...
OH MY GOSH!
NO WAY!
AAGGH!
NOOOO!
We filed for bankruptcy
...I LOST MY JOB.
TOMURA-SAN. WHEN ARE YOU GOING TO PAY YOUR RENT?
I'M SORRY. ACTUALLY, I...
SHOULD I CONTACT YOUR PARENTS?
PLEASE DON'T DO THAT!
WHIRR
.....
AND THEN I LOST MY APARTMENT TOO...

LIFE...
...IS SO MUCH HARSHER THAN I EXPECTED...
WHAT DO I DO?
HEY. THAT'S MY SPOT.
REALLY HARSH...
SNORE
Move
CLICK
OH, HELLO?
NII-SAN?
YEAH, IT'S ME. MIZUKI.
I DECIDED TO ASK MY BROTHER FOR HELP.
WHAT SHOULD I DO?
I'M HUNGRY.
...NO.
DID YOU CONTACT MOM AND DAD?
YOU DON'T HAVE TO TRY AND MAKE IT ON YOUR OWN.
BUT YOU'RE ONLY 18.
.....
YOU COULDN'T LIVE ON YOUR OWN.
I TOLD YOU.
IDIOT.

YOU'RE SO STUBBORN.
UNLIKE ME, NII-SAN IS SUCCESS-FUL.
I CAN'T RELY ON THEM ANYMORE.
A HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE SHOULDN'T BE MOOCHING.
They miss us.
IF YOU GO HOME ... MOM AND DAD WILL BE HAPPY.
I DON'T WANT TO GO HOME LIKE THIS.
I WANT TO STAY WITH YOU... UNTIL I FIND A NEW JOB.
HE WENT TO A GOOD UNIVERSITY AND WORKS FOR A BIG CORPORATION.
WELL? WHAT DO YOU WANT TO DO?
I WANT TO BE MORE LIKE HIM, BUT...
I'LL CLEAN, DO THE LAUNDRY, ANYTHING.
YEAH.
ARE YOU REALLY UP TO THE CHAL-LENGE?
MIZU-KI.
I'll do anything!

WOW.
WHAT A NICE PLACE.
I'LL JUST START OVER FROM HERE!
SO I FOUND A PLACE TO LIVE.
ALL RIGHT!
OKAY. THEN FOLLOW ME.
THANKS, NII-SAN.
REPOSE
A GOLF BAG.
Can't you tell?
HUH?
WHAT'S THAT?
WAIT, MIZUKI. WE'RE NOT READY YET.
IT'S TO BE EXPECTED OF A BIG-TIME BUSINESS-MAN.
GET IN HERE.
Very corporate!
Cool!
AH, YOU PLAY GOLF!
SWING

SQUEEZE
HEY, WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
SQUEEZE
JUST GET IN HERE.
HUH!?
IT'S NOT MEANT FOR HUMANS!
You going to kill me?!
YOU WON'T FIT.
DANG.
SHH!
WHAT? WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?
LET'S GO TO THE BACK.
IT'S FOR WOMEN, SO I GUESS IT'S TOO SMALL.
OKAY, HANG ON TIGHT.
HEY, WAIT...
SHH.
HEY!
HEY, NII-SAN!
.....

HUH?
YOU DIDN'T KNOW?
THIS...
...IS THE COMPANY DORM.
WH...
WHAT IS THIS!?
I...
...LIVE IN A DORM FOR SINGLE EMPLOYEES.
BUZZ BUZZ
WHAT'S GOING ON?
HUH?
WHAT'S UP, TOMURA?
A GIRL?
A DORM?
NO.
THIS IS MY BROTHER MIZUKI.
.....
HE'S GOING TO STAY HERE.
I SEE.
BANK-RUPT, EH?
IT'S STILL UNSTABLE FOR SMALLER COMPANIES.
WE'RE NOT SURE WHAT'LL HAPPEN TO US EITHER.
HOW SCARY.

I MADE A MISTAKE COMING HERE.
THE RENT'S CHEAP AND IT'S PRETTY HANDY TOO.
THE RULES ARE A LITTLE STRICT, THOUGH.
REPOSE CORP.
IT'S A LARGE, FAMOUS CORPORATION.
Even on marathon runners.
THEIR NAME IS ON FROZEN FOODS AND DRINKS, TOO.
I SEE THEIR BEAUTY PRODUCT ADS EVERY DAY.
YEAH. NO OUTSIDERS ALLOWED.
ONLY UP TO THE CAFETERIA ON THE SECOND FLOOR.
...ON THE FIRST FLOOR LOBBY.
BUT ONLY AFTER YOU SIGN IN FOR A PASS...
THE THIRD FLOOR HAS A GYM AND SPA.
AND THE APARTMENTS START ON THE FOURTH FLOOR.
THIS FOURTH FLOOR IS THREE-BEDROOM, BUT THERE ARE ONE-BEDROOMERS TOO.
We all want those.
AND THE GOLF BAGS ARE TO SNEAK IN GIRLFRIENDS.
We also use TV boxes
ROLL ROLL
Girl inside
TV
We go to the spa when they visit.
THIS... THIS IS IMPOSSIBLE.
THE GUYS ON THIS FLOOR ARE ALL COOL...
BUT DON'T LET THE GUYS ON OTHER FLOORS SEE YOU.

SORRY, NII-SAN...
I CAN'T STAY HERE.
I DIDN'T THINK IT WOULD BE SO BAD.
BAD? HOW RUDE.
THIS PLACE IS FULL OF NICE MEN LIKE US.
NO, THAT'S NOT WHAT I MEANT!
MIZUKI.
ACCEPT THEIR GOODWILL.
THEY'RE NOT BAD PEOPLE.
THEN MAYBE FOR A WHILE...
UNTIL I FIND A JOB...
I DID ASK TO STAY WITH HIM.
NII-SAN...
YEAY!
...I'LL STAY HERE.
OKAY.
IT'S COOL, IT'S COOL.
YOU'RE WELCOME HERE.
IT'S LIKE WE HAVE A SECRET PET CAT.
A CAT?
HA HA HA
WE'LL CALL YOU MI-KUN.
"MI"?
カチャ
CLICK

KUDOU.
THIS ISN'T A COMMON AREA.
YEAH, YEAH. WE'RE LEAVING.
I'LL GO BUY SMOKES.
LET'S GO DRINK ELSE-WHERE.
FILING OUT
HUH? WHO?
THE MOOD CHANGED ...
WHAT'S GOING ON?
.....
TORU KUDOU.
YOU CAN IGNORE HIM. HE'S MY ROOM-MATE...
HE ONLY CARES ABOUT HIS WORK, SO HE WON'T SNITCH.
HUH? BUT...
I'M GOING TO GO SMOKE TOO.
WHAT?
So stay put!
STAY PUT?
I CAN'T IGNORE HIM.
HE LIVES HERE TOO, RIGHT?
Phew
.....

I SHOULD INTRO-DUCE MYSELF...
UM, I'M KOICHI TOMURA'S BROTHER.
MY NAME IS MIZUKI.
Hello!
I JUST LOST MY JOB...
SO I'M GOING TO STAY HERE FOR A WHILE.
PEEP PEEP
IF YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO BE A CAT, THEN DON'T TALK.
IF YOU'RE GOING TO BE A PET...
STAY IN THE CORNER AND BE QUIET.
HELLO?
WHAT AN ASSHOLE...
STUNNED
SHOO SHOO
THIS IS KUDOU IN THE PLANNING DIVISION AT REPOSE CORP.

A BUSINESSMAN FOR A BIG COMPANY.
HE'S PROBABLY ONE OF THE BEST.
HE COMES HOME ONLY TO WORK SOME MORE...
.....
AND HARDER TO GET ALONG WITH THAN THE OTHERS.
The others
Hey, we're home!
HE'S SCARY.
SLAM
CLICK
HOW DISTRACTING.
STARE
Corner
I'LL FIND A JOB QUICKLY AND GET OUT OF HERE.
ANYWAY...
.....
Worried
ZZZ
ZZZ
...NOTHING BUT A BIG NUISANCE.
OR ELSE, I'LL REALLY BECOME...

OH...
MIZUKI.
COME ON, MIZUKI.
WAKE UP, SLEEPY-HEAD.
HEY.
I'M LEAVING FOR WORK.
MORNING ALREADY...
FOR TODAY, JUST STAY IN-DOORS.
HEY, MI-KUN.
GOOD MORNING.
FILING OUT.
GOING TO WORK
WE'RE OFF.
WE'RE GOING, MIZUKI.
OH.
GOOD MORNING, MI-KUN. DID YOU SLEEP WELL?
EVERYONE LOOKS SO DIFFERENT...
So good-looking

WOOSH
SCRUB SCRUB
I SHOULD AT LEAST BE USEFUL AROUND THE HOUSE...
.....
PHEW.
I FEEL USEFUL.
KUDOU-SAN.
KUDOU-SAN.
ISN'T THAT BAD?
THUMP
THUMP
HUH?
KUDOU-SAN IS STILL SLEEPING...
.....
IT'S PAST 10 O'CLOCK.
PLEASE WAKE UP!
CLICK

SHAKE
EVERY-ONE LEFT ALREADY.
YOU'RE LATE.
KUDOU-SAN!
MM...
TUG
HUH?
CREAK
WHAT THE...
SQUEEZE
FROZEN

PLEASE AT LEAST MISTAKE ME FOR A LIVING THING...
Hey..
Like a girlfriend or something
...I THOUGHT YOU WERE A PILLOW.
THUD
I'M SORRY...
I didn't know.
WE'RE NOT STUDENTS ...
EVEN IF WE'RE IN THE SAME DORM...
OUR HOURS AND LOCATIONS ARE DIFFERENT.
I'M OFF TODAY.
.....
IS HE EMBAR-RASSED?
OH?
WHAT'S ALL THIS?
FLAP FLAP
GEE...
I HAVEN'T BEEN WOKEN UP...
...FOR MANY YEARS.

CLICK...
.....
HE SEEMS TO ACT MORE NORMAL IN THE MORNING.
He's also different from last night...
I'M SORRY ...
YOU DON'T HAVE TO DO MINE.
There were 3 baskets, so I just did all of them
OH. I DID THE LAUNDRY.
DON'T EAT
TOMURA
TOMURA
WHERE ARE YOU GOING?
I'M GOING TO THE CAFETERIA TO EAT BREAKFAST.
...THE ONE ON THE SECOND FLOOR?
THE CAFE-TERIA...
That's nice
HUH?
...FORGET IT. I'LL GO TO THE STORE.
WHAT DO YOU WANT?

KUDOU-SAN.
...MAYBE HE'S A NICE PERSON, AFTER ALL!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
I'LL GO TOO.
I WANT TO LOOK AT JOB ADS.
OOPS!
YOU HAVEN'T EATEN YET, HAVE YOU?
I'LL PICK SOMETHING UP FOR YOU TOO.
ACTU-ALLY...
OH...

!
THUMP
MIZUKI
MIZUKI TOMURA
Thank you.
SIGH
BE CARE-FUL. UH...
WORK IS HARD TO FIND FOR A HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE.
SIGH
HE'S ACTUALLY NICE ONCE YOU TALK TO HIM.
I'M GLAD.
GEEZ.
YOU REALLY ARE LIKE A CAT.
BUT I THOUGHT IT WAS BETTER TO WORK...
...THAN PAY A FORTUNE TO GO TO COLLEGE.
I SEE. HOW UNUSUAL FOR A YOUNG ONE.
OH.

SST...
I HAVE THE DAY OFF.
UH, YES.
YOU'RE OFF TODAY?
HELLO, KUDOU-SAN.
OH.
I'M ONLY 25.
HE SOUNDS LIKE AN OLD MAN. ♡
.....
QUIET-LY.
GO TO THE BACK.
It is
It's so nice today
BADUM
BADUM
OH...
HE'S ACTUALLY REALLY, REALLY NICE.
HE'S NOT BAD AT ALL.

I FEEL...
...SORT OF HAPPY.
HEY.
MI-KUN, WE BOUGHT YOU SOME-THING.
BUZZ
BUZZ
OH. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
We're home!
Welcome back
Wow, more guys.
SO?
DID YOU SEE SOME GOOD JOBS OUT THERE?
BUZZ
NOT REALLY...
ONLY PART-TIME JOBS. I CAN'T MAKE ENOUGH WITH THOSE.
ガチャ
CLICK
YOU'RE STILL YOUNG.
WELL, YOU DON'T HAVE TO RUSH.
HA HA HA
HEY.
CAN'T YOU GUYS KEEP IT DOWN?
IF YOU WANT TO BE LOUD, GO TO THE THIRD FLOOR.
KUDOU.
BUT WE CAN'T TAKE MI-KUN DOWN THERE.
YEAH.
OH.
SORRY, KUDOU-SAN.
THUMP

HE WAS NICE WHEN WE WERE ALONE...
...BUT IT SEEMS NO ONE ELSE LIKES HIM.
CLICK
HE'S SO ABRASIVE.
HE'S SUCH A WET BLANKET.
THAT KUDOU.
SHEESH
Such a turn off
IF HE DOESN'T CHANGE...
IT'S GOING TO AFFECT HIS WORK ONE DAY.
KNOCK KNOCK
KUDOU-SAN.
ARE YOU STILL WORK-ING?
WHAT IS IT?
OH...
I MADE SOME COFFEE.
For you.
...OH.
THANKS.
UM.
I'M SORRY.
I'LL TRY TO KEEP IT DOWN.

JUST GO BACK TO SLEEP.
RUFFLE
HE'S A NICE PERSON.
GOOD NIGHT.
WHY CAN'T HE GET ALONG WITH THE OTHERS?
I WANT TO TALK TO YOU, SO COME TO THE THIRD FLOOR WITH ME.
.....
HEY, KUDOU.
YOU HAVE A MOMENT?
WHAT?
WHY CAN'T YOU JUST SAY IT HERE?
.....
...NOT HERE. JUST COME WITH ME.

I'M BUSY RIGHT NOW.
JUST COME DOWN-STAIRS.
I'LL BE THERE.
I WONDER IF IT'S MY FAULT?
UM.
IF I'M IN THE WAY, I'LL LEAVE...
YOU WANT ME TO GET NII-SAN?
FORGET IT. DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT.
BUT...
THIS BOTHERS ME.
KUDOU-SAN...
YOU'RE NOT SO BAD.
WHY DON'T YOU TRY TO GET ALONG WITH EVERYONE?
AREN'T RELATIONSHIPS IMPORTANT AT WORK, TOO?
I DON'T THINK YOU SHOULD ALWAYS...
...BE BY YOURSELF.

A PET IS GIVING ME A LECTURE?
HUH?
WHY DON'T YOU WORRY...
...ABOUT YOURSELF INSTEAD?
YOU'RE THE ONE WHO'S ON YOUR OWN.
STAYING HERE...
IF YOU CAN'T FIND A JOB...
YOU SHOULD JUST GO HOME.
DON'T FORGET YOU'RE INCONVENI-ENCING THE PEOPLE HERE.
.....
CREAK
TAP

BUT...
...I WANTED TO DO SOMETHING FOR HIM.
I WAS BEING A HYPOCRITE.
Sigh
I DID SOMETHING STUPID.
Oh no
IT'S A PET'S DUTY...
...TO LIGHTEN THE MOOD WHEN IT GETS TENSE.
HUH? WHAT?
MIZUKI LEFT?
WHAT HAP-PENED?
MI-KUN IS GONE?
I got him something to eat
KUDOU!
DID YOU SAY SOMETHING TO HIM?

...I DON'T THINK HE WENT HOME.
YOU'RE RIGHT, BUT...
SHOOT
.....
IT'S WRONG FOR HIM TO STAY HERE.
I JUST TOLD HIM TO GO HOME.
I GUESS IT WAS THOUGHTLESS OF ME...
TO CHOOSE TO STAY THERE...
I GUESS I HAVE NO CHOICE...
...BUT TO GO BACK HOME...
...TO MY UNCLE AND AUNT'S PLACE...
I WAS NOTHING BUT TROUBLE.
WHAT?

MIZUKI'S NOT MY REAL BROTHER.
HIS PARENTS DIED AND HE GREW UP WITH ME...
...BUT HE'S ACTUALLY MY COUSIN.
NO ONE ELSE CARES, BUT...
...IT'S ALWAYS BOTHERED HIM.
HE'S ADOPTED, SO HE DOESN'T HAVE TO BE SO RETICENT!
He's so stubborn!
WE HELPED HIM OUT BECAUSE WE KNEW ABOUT THIS.
All of us.
HE WANTS TO BE INDEPENDENT, BUT HE STILL RELIES ON ME.
HE'S STILL A KID.
YOU SHOULD'VE TOLD ME.
DAMN...
YOU SHOULD'VE TOLD ME EARLIER!
HEY, KUDOU!
HUH?

IT'S YOUR FAULT!
THAT'S WHY I SAID I NEEDED TO TALK TO YOU.
SHEESH.
PANT
PANT
PANT
PANT
MIZUKI...
That's right
I'M SORRY.
HEY. THAT'S MY SPOT.
WHY IS HE HERE?
KUDOU-SAN.
MIZUKI.

I HEARD ABOUT YOU.
I'M SORRY I SAID MEAN THINGS...
...WITHOUT KNOWING ANYTHING.
IT'S OKAY. I'M SORRY TOO.
NII-SAN TOLD HIM...
SHOOT...
I'M JUST TRYING TO ACT TOUGH WHEN I'M NOT.
I DON'T WANT TO CAUSE TROUBLE...
BUT I END UP DOING IT ANYWAY.
I WISH I COULD DO THINGS ON MY OWN...
...
...BUT IT ALWAYS BACKFIRES.
I SAID SASSY THINGS TO KUDOU-SAN TOO.
MIZUKI...
MIZUKI. ACTUALLY...
I'M THE ILLEGITIMATE SON...
...OF THE COMPANY'S CEO.

MY MOTHER DIED.
AND THE CEO DOESN'T KNOW ABOUT ME.
ILLEGIT-IMATE SON.
WHAT? SON OF THE CEO?
AND I'M WORKING HARD TO BEAT EVERYONE.
...I THOUGHT I WAS SPECIAL...
BUT ...
ARE YOU SURE YOU...
UM, BUT...
...WANT TO TELL ME SUCH A BIG SECRET?
...THAT'S TRUE.
...I'LL BE MORE CARE-FUL.
I WAS BEING AN ASSHOLE, BUT...
KUDOU-SAN...
JUST LIKE YOU SAID I SHOULD.

YOU'RE THE DORM CAT, RIGHT?
BUT IT'S OKAY.
IF YOU'RE A PET...
...JUST LISTEN QUIETLY TO MY TROUBLES.
...IT SOUNDS LIKE...
...I HAVE A PLACE TO STAY NOW.
IT MAY SEEM SAD THAT I'M TREATED THIS WAY, BUT...
LET'S GO HOME.
MIZUKI.

I WAS HAPPY AND RELIEVED...
...SO I TOOK UP HIS OFFER.
MIZUKI!
IF YOU'RE GOING TO WANDER OFF, I'LL PUT A LEASH ON YOU.
I was worried
I'M SORRY.
We're glad you're safe!
.....
HOW WEIRD.
KUDOU IS SMILING...
NO, I'M NOT.
WHAT? SOMETHING GOOD HAPPEN?
AND SO... AMIDST THE HOPE AND TURMOIL...
...MY LIFE AS A CAT BEGAN.

EPISODE 1 / FIN

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EPISODE 2

I'M...
...SO SORRY I'M LATE!
TOMURA-KUN, DO YOU KNOW WHAT TIME IT IS?
YOU'RE LATE ON THE FIRST DAY!
PANT PANT
I'M SORRY. I HAD AN INCIDENT...
...AND I COULDN'T LEAVE MY HOUSE.
SHOCK
!!
NO EXCUSES.
YOU'RE FIRED!
Discount Shop BOYSENBERRY
IT'S BEEN TWO MONTHS SINCE I CAME TO LIVE AT MY BROTHER'S DORM.
I STILL CAN'T HOLD A JOB, AND I'M FEELING EVEN MORE PATHETIC SITTING IN THE CORNER OF THE ROOM.
Corner
MI-KUN WAS FIRED AGAIN?
YEAH. THERE WAS CONSTRUCTION ON THE ROAD OUTSIDE.
HE COULDN'T GET OUT THE WINDOW.

I'M REALLY PATHETIC...
THE LAST TIME, SOME LADIES WERE CHATTING ...
AND HE COULDN'T LEAVE.
AND LAST WEEK HE WAS ATTACKED BY CROWS.
DON'T FRET, MIZUKI.
LOOK, I BROUGHT YOU SUSHI.
I CAN'T TAKE...
SOMETHING SO EXPENSIVE...
MIZUKI.
JUST TAKE IT.
NII-SAN...
A BIT OF EXPENSIVE SUSHI IS NOTHING...
IF IT MEANS THE BATH IS READY WHEN WE GET HOME.
THAT'S RIGHT.
AND YOU KEEP THE ROOM CLEAN.
It's nice.
THE ONLY THING I CAN DO NOW...
...IS TO DO CHORES WHILE I STAY OUT OF TROUBLE.
EVERYONE IS TOO KIND...
Elite businessmen are rich
WE LEAVE TRASH ON THE FLOOR...
...BECAUSE WE ASSUME SOMEONE WILL CLEAN UP.
KUDOU DOES THAT A LOT.
HA HA HA

MIZUKI?
YOU'RE NOT GOING TO BED?
UH, NO.
I TOOK A NAP TODAY.
I CAN'T SLEEP.
MY WORK ISN'T DONE UNTIL KUDOU-SAN COMES HOME.
HE'S LATER THAN USUAL...
PING!
KERCHUNK
CLICK
WELCOME BACK... KUDOU-SAN.
YEAH. I'M HOME.
YOU'RE STILL UP?
YEAH, I TOOK A NAP TODAY.
I CAN'T SLEEP.

Maybe next time
WELL, DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT.
PAT
I THOUGHT YOU STARTED TODAY.
OH, UH... I SEE.
000000
YOU DIDN'T GO TO WORK?
NAP?
KUDOU-SAN IS CLUMSY WITH WORDS...
...BUT HE'S REALLY NICE.
HE CAME TO GET ME...
IF YOU'RE A PET, JUST LISTEN QUIETLY TO MY TROUBLES.
...WHEN I RAN AWAY.
NO, I'M FINE.
JUST GET ME COFFEE.
THEN I CAN GIVE YOU A MASSAGE!
IT'S OKAY. I ATE AL-READY.
I can make something
ARE YOU HUNGRY?

SIGH
CRUSH
I WANT TO DO SOMETHING USEFUL FOR KUDOU-SAN.
HUH?
HERE, KUDOU-SAN.
TRY IT AGAIN.
HE'S ALWAYS LIKE THIS WHEN WORKING.
Oh, no...
Pretending not to see
.....
HE'S MESSY.
THROW
KLUNK
OH, RIGHT.
THAT'S TRUE.
So...
I THINK...
...THIS IS IMPORTANT WHEN SHARING A ROOM.

SORRY.
THANKS.
I WANT TO BE USEFUL, AS MORE THAN JUST A PET...
MIZUKI.
YOU'RE NOT SLEEPY?
NO. HOW ABOUT YOU?
I WANT TO HELP HIM.
ONE MORE TIME.
YOU'RE MORE LIKE A DOG...
Go get it!
JUMP
I CAN'T SLEEP YET.
I WAS WORKING ON A PROJECT...
BUT THE HIGHER-UPS STARTED COMPLAINING...
OH, HE'S RANTING.
I SEE. THAT SUCKS.
RIGHT?
I WAS TRYING TO EXPLAIN, BUT THEY DON'T UNDERSTAND.
THEY'RE STUPID.

BECAUSE HE ONLY RANTS TO ME.
I'M SPECIAL TO HIM.
IT MIGHT BE BAD TO THINK THIS...
BUT I LIKE IT WHEN HE RANTS.
IT MUST BE TOUGH.
I'M SURE HE HAS A LOT TO DEAL WITH.
I'M THE ILLEGITIMATE SON OF THE COMPANY'S CEO.
BUT...
...GOOD LUCK, KUDOU-SAN.
...GOOD LUCK.
EVEN THOUGH I CAN ONLY LISTEN TO YOUR TROUBLES...

ZZZ
ZZZ
?
MIZU-KI?
AND SO I ARGUED ABOUT IT, BUT...
.....
DRAG
.....
WAS MY RANT THAT BORING?
ZZZ
ZZZ
Mu...

YOU WAITED FOR ME, DIDN'T YOU?
YOU LIED ABOUT TAKING A NAP.
SILLY...
GOOD MORNING, MI-KUN.
.....
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
HUH?
CHIRP CHIRP
.....
AAAGHH!
GOOD MORNING!
YOU FINALLY WOKE UP.
My legs fell asleep

I'M GOING TO TAKE A SHOWER.
I'M SORRY.
WHY DIDN'T YOU WAKE ME?
YOU KNOW ...
HE'S LIKE MY CAT BACK HOME.
HA HA HA
IF SHE FALLS ASLEEP ON MY LAP...
I CAN'T WAKE HER UP.
WHAT A STUPID MISTAKE!
I CAN'T BELIEVE IT.
I'M REALLY SORRY.
I'LL IRON YOUR PANTS.
DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT.
IT FELT GOOD ANYWAY.
HUH?
BY THE WAY...
I'D LIKE TO TAKE A SHOWER NOW.
I'M SORRY!
WHAT'S WRONG WITH ME?

GEE, MI-KUN...
...IS PRETTY ATTACHED TO KUDOU.
WHY?
I GIVE HIM THE MOST FOOD.
It's not fair
IT IS. YOU'RE NICER TO HIM THAN TO US.
THAT'S NOT TRUE!
SHOOT...
NO, I'M NOT!
BOO BOO
NOT FAIR, NOT FAIR.
I MIGHT'VE...
...GOTTEN TOO FAMILIAR WITH HIM.
I NEED TO BE CAREFUL...
...NOT TO SEEM TOO CLOSE TO KUDOU-SAN.
GOOD MORNING, NII-SAN.

BREAKFAST IS READY.
Time to get up
.....
HUH? MI-KUN.
YOU'RE UP EARLY.
GOOD MORNING, SUGANO-SAN.
COFFEE IS READY.
.....
HUH?
I MADE A LOT OF MISO SOUP.
SO I'LL TAKE IT NEXT DOOR TOO.
OH.
KUDOU-SAN, PLEASE HAVE SOME COFFEE.
Good morning
I NEED TO TREAT EVERYONE EQUALLY.
HE'S WORKING AWFULLY HARD.
WHAT'S WITH HIM?
YAWN

How unusual.
YOU'RE HOME EARLY TODAY.
OH, KUDOU.
.....
I'M HOME...
ガチャ CLICK
WHERE'S MIZUKI?
.....
HE'S NEXT DOOR AGAIN.
WASHING THEIR DISHES.
WE TOLD HIM...
...THAT HE DOESN'T HAVE TO.
OH, YEAH. THERE. HARDER...
LIKE THIS?
RIGHT.
HA HA HA
PUSH PUSH PUSH
AH, YOU'RE GOOD.
.....
AH, MIZUKI. SO GOOD...
YOU'RE GOOD.
RIGHT HERE?

MIZUKI...
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
BUT...
..I'M DONE CLEANING YOUR PLACE
AND HARADA-SAN HAD A KNOT, SO...
MIZUKI.
I KNOW YOU'RE USED TO THIS PLACE NOW.
BUT WHAT IF SOMEONE ELSE SEES YOU?
OH...
BUT, I...
THAT'LL CAUSE TROUBLE FOR EVERYONE.
OH.
LET'S GO.
THAT'S ENOUGH.
DON'T WANDER AROUND TOO MUCH.
DON'T BOTHER US. IT WAS GETTING GOOD.
OH. KUDOU-SAN.
Welcome back!

I WANTED TO BE USEFUL.
THERE'S A LIMIT TO EVERY-THING.
EVEN THOUGH YOU'RE TREATED LIKE A PET...
...YOU DON'T HAVE TO SELL YOURSELF.
HEY, KUDOU.
THAT'S GOING TOO FAR.
MIZUKI MEANT WELL.
I DID IT AGAIN...
WHY DO I... KEEP DOING THINGS THAT BACKFIRE?
.....

OH NO.
I DON'T KNOW...
...WHAT TO DO.
WOOOO-!!
Please eat if you're hungry

I DIDN'T GET TO TALK TO HIM MUCH THIS MORNING.
Sigh
I CAN'T DO THE LAUNDRY TODAY.
HM.
PEEP PEEP PEEP
I REALLY DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO.
KUDOU-SAN...
PEEP PEEP
PEEP PEEP
HUH? WHAT'S THAT SOUND?
I CAN'T BELIEVE SOMEONE LIKE HIM WOULD FORGET IT.
Is that why it's raining?
...I WONDER IF HE NEEDS IT.
HE LOOKED BUSY WITH WORK, TOO...
THAT'S...
...KUDOU-SAN'S CELL PHONE!?

WHISPER...
WHISPER...
LET'S SEE...
The address for Repose is...
I MIGHT GET IN TROUBLE FOR DOING TOO MUCH.
BUT MAYBE I CAN USE THIS...
...AS AN EXCUSE TO TALK TO HIM AGAIN...
SHOOT.
I STAND OUT HERE.
WHERE IS KUDOU-SAN?

He was in planning...
WANDER
WHOA!
RIGHT? I THOUGHT SO TOO...
SUGANO-KUN, DID YOU SEE THE SAMPLE YET?
YES.
IT CAME OUT PRETTY GOOD.
Planning division
MIZUKI? WHY?
Fourth floor resident
WHAT IS OUR CAT DOING HERE!?
THAT'S MI-KUN!
UH, NOTHING.
WHAT'S WRONG?
Fourth floor resident
Fourth floor resident
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
NII-SAN.
MIZUKI!
OH, I'M SORRY.
HEY, YOUNG MAN. IS SOMETHING WRONG?
Um...
BUZZ
BUZZ
DID YOU NEED SOME-THING?

I was embarrassed.
SORRY.
I'M REALLY SORRY.
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?
YOU IDIOT!
I DID IT AGAIN...
URG...
THIS IS MY BROTHER. I'M SORRY.
WHACK
I JUST...
WANTED TO RETURN THIS.
.....
GEEZ.
THIS IS HIS MISTAKE.
JUST LET IT BE.
.....
KUDOU'S CELL...
HEY.
MIZUKI.
WE ALL KNOW...
...HOW HARD YOU'RE WORKING.

THEN INSTEAD OF WORKING...
YOU SHOULD BECOME MORE AMENABLE.
IF YOU CARE ABOUT EVERY-ONE...
BUT TO BE HONEST...
YOU TRY SO HARD IT'S ANNOYING.
You're always like that.
SHOCK
AFTER ALL...
A PET WHO'S TOO INDEPENDENT ISN'T CUTE.
NII-SAN...
I'LL KEEP THIS.
IF I SEE HIM, I'LL GIVE IT TO HIM.
BUT...
I CAN'T BELIEVE KUDOU FORGOT HIS CELL.
HE MUST REALLY BE FLUSTERED...
...WITH YOUR PRESENCE.

HE'S BECOMING SPECIAL TO ME.
I KEEP THINKING ABOUT KUDOU-SAN.
I WAS THE ONE WHO WAS FLUS-TERED.
REALLY?
I WANT TO SPEND MORE TIME WITH HIM.
BUT I WAS SCARED OF THAT...
...AND WAS HOLDING BACK MY FEELINGS.
SPLASH
PANT

MIZUKI.
WHERE'D YOU GO?
OH, I'M SORRY.
YOU FORGOT YOUR CELL PHONE.
SO I WENT TO DELIVER IT.
.....
KUDOU-SAN.
MIZUKI...

I'M GLAD.
HUH?
I WENT HOME TO GET IT...
...AND SAW YOU WERE GONE.
I THOUGHT YOU LEFT AGAIN BECAUSE OF ME.
I'M SORRY THAT...
...I SAID HORRIBLE THINGS...
KUDOU-SAN.
HE'S DRENCHED.
WERE YOU LOOKING FOR ME AGAIN?

KUDOU-SAN...
I CAN'T HOLD BACK ANYMORE.
I DON'T WANT TO.
YOU CAME TO RETURN IT?
YOU DIDN'T HAVE TO.
I'M NOT GOING TO HOLD BACK MY FEELINGS.
I...
...WASN'T JUST BEING POLITE.
I WANTED TO DELIVER IT.
BE-CAUSE ...
I WANT YOUR ATTENTION.
MIZUKI...

I'LL GET THE WRONG IDEA. I'LL START TO THINK...
PLEASE STOP IT.
THAT YOU BELONG TO ME.
HUH?
KUDOU-SAN?
...I WON'T SAY TERRIBLE THINGS TO YOU.
JUST IGNORE ME. THAT WAY...
I CAN'T TREAT YOU KINDLY...
I'M A SHALLOW GUY.
UNLESS YOU'RE ONLY ATTACHED TO ME...
COULD THAT MEAN...
KUDOU-SAN.

I'M ONLY...
ATTACHED TO YOU, KUDOU-SAN.
WAIT, KUDOU-SAN. YOU'RE WRONG.
I ONLY WANT YOUR ATTENTION.
YOU'RE SPECIAL TO ME.
PANT
PANT
I WANT TO BE CLOSER...
...TO HIM...
CREAK
THAT'S WHAT I MEAN.
DO YOU UNDER-STAND?
!
CAN YOU...
...KISS ME?

HUH?
HEY...
MIZU...
Mn
MMN...
MIZUKI.
MN...
KUDOU-SAN...
DON'T FORCE YOURSELF.
I'M NOT.

MIZUKI...
KUDOU-SAN.
GIVE ME MORE...
MM...
I'M DOING THIS BECAUSE I WANT TO.
HUH? WHAT?
I CAN GIVE THE CELL BACK WHEN I GET HOME?
THESE ARE MY TRUE FEELINGS...
MIZUKI...

...KUDOU ISN'T COMING BACK TO WORK TODAY.
THAT'S MI-KUN? WHAT HAPPENED?
WHERE IS HE?
WHERE ARE YOU RIGHT NOW?
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
Hey, Mizuki!
HUH?
KUDOU?
TV?
THEY'RE HOME WATCHING TV...
He is favoring Kudou. It's not fair!
I GUESS YOU CAN SAY THAT.
He is more normal
THEY SAY YOUR LIFESTYLE CHANGES WHEN YOU GET A PET.
WELL ...
CLASSIFIED
WHAT ARE YOU READING?
I CAN'T STAY A PET FOREVER.
BUT THAT'S NOT GOOD.
I'M HAVING...
...A FUN TIME HERE AT THE DORM.

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WE'RE HOME, MIZUKI.
HEY, MI-KUN.
OH. WELCOME BACK.
WERE YOU A GOOD BOY?
I BROUGHT YOU SOMETHING.
ME TOO.
THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
I LOST MY JOB WHEN MY COMPANY WENT BANKRUPT.
I'M TEMPORARILY LIVING AT MY BROTHER'S COMPANY DORM.
I'M BEING KEPT IN SECRET, LIKE A PET.
I BROUGHT SOMETHING TOO, MI-KUN.
I FOUND IT AT A 99-CENT STORE.
I'M TREATED LIKE A PET TOO.

HEY.
YOU DON'T HAVE TO PLAY.
HA HA HA
THANK YOU.
OTHERWISE THEY WOULDN'T BE SO NICE TO ME.
REPOSE CORPORATION.
THE OTHER FOURTH FLOOR RESIDENTS ARE GENEROUS...
...AND HAVE A SENSE OF HUMOR TOO.
KUDOU-SAN.
DON'T TEASE MIZUKI TOO MUCH.
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
YOU WANTED THIS, RIGHT?
IT'S FOR YOU.
YEAH, I HAD TO DO SOME SHOPPING.
WELCOME BACK. YOU'RE EARLY TODAY.

He's so cute
HE'S SO EASY TO PLEASE...
OOH
I CAN CLEAN SO WELL WITH IT!
ROLL ROLL
ROLL ROLL
THANK YOU.
OH...
THE ONLY THINGS I CAN DO ARE...
CLEAN-ING AND LAUNDRY, SO...
HUH?
ISN'T IT OBVIOUS?
HEY.
HOW DOES KUDOU KNOW WHAT MI-KUN WANTS?
AND I THINK...
KUDOU-SAN IS SPECIAL TO ME.
I CAN'T TREAT YOU KINDLY UNLESS...
YOU'RE ONLY ATTACHED TO ME...
HE FEELS THE SAME WAY.
YOU'RE SO IM-MATURE.
MAN, I LOST AGAIN!

I CAN'T STAY HERE FOR-EVER.
BUT I WANT TO STAY A LITTLE BIT LONGER.
AND THE DAYS PASS BY...
DING DONG
DING DONG
HUH?
WHO'S THAT?
SHOOT, IT'S SOMEONE FROM UPSTAIRS!
HELLO. I'M MATSUSHIMA FROM THE FIFTH FLOOR.
HUH?
HUH?
MIZUKI!
HURRY!
HIDE MI-KUN!
KUDOU'S SLEEP-ING!
SLEEP-ING!
UH, ACTUALLY, HE'S...
IS KUDOU HERE?
NOTHING. CAN I HELP YOU?
WHAT'S GOING ON? IT'S ROWDY IN THERE.
.....
WRIGGLE WRIGGLE
HA HA. I KNOW.
THAT'S EARLY.

BADUM BADUM BADUM
SHH.
KU... KUDOU-SAN...
DON'T YOU THINK KUDOU'S BEEN ACTING STRANGE?
HUH? NOT REALLY. WHY?
DID HE GET A GIRL-FRIEND?
I DON'T KNOW.
HE'S BEEN GOING HOME ON TIME LATELY.
HE USED TO BE MORE OF A WORKA-HOLIC.
BUT NOW HE SEEMS MORE RELAXED...
I SEE...
KUDOU...
THUMP...
OH WELL.
THEN CAN YOU LET HIM KNOW?
THE MEETING TOMORROW WAS MOVED TO 1PM.
GOT IT.

HEY.
THEY'RE SUSPICIOUS OF YOU.
.....
WE SHOULD BE MORE CAREFUL...
SO THEY DON'T DISCOVER MI-KUN.
YEAH.
HE'S EVERYONE'S RESPON-SIBILITY.
HEY, WHAT ARE YOU TWO DOING?
IN THE BED?
MIZUKI'S EXISTENCE IS THE FOURTH FLOOR'S SECRET!
Don't spill the beans.
I'M SORRY I'M CAUSING YOU TROUBLE...
SIGH.
YOU GUYS ARE SO IMMATURE.
YEAH
YOU'RE THE ONE AT FAULT HERE.
All Attack
WE WORK HARD ALL DAY.
AT NIGHT WE WANT TO RELAX LIKE KIDS.
MI-KUN'S PRESENCE BENEFITS YOU TOO, YOU KNOW.
.....
KUDOU-SAN.
DID HE CHANGE THAT MUCH?
ROLL ROLL

BUT I'M A LITTLE HAPPY THAT...
IT'S COM-PLEX.
HE'S CHANGING BECAUSE OF ME...
Sigh
IT'S NOT GOOD THAT OTHERS ARE SUSPECTING HIM.
KU-DOU ...
MI-KUN WANTS YOUR ONIGIRI.
Give him some.
.....
CHARMED.
EVERYONE ELSE MIGHT NOTICE...
SHOOT.
I NEED TO BE MORE CAREFUL TOO.
.....
HAHA. YOU GUYS GET ALONG SO WELL.
.....
This is, uh.
HUH? NO, THAT'S NOT TRUE.

MIZUKI.
WE HAD MORE TIME ALONE... IF ONLY...
ROLL
BUT... I CAN'T TALK TO HIM MUCH BECAUSE I GET NERVOUS...
ROLL
Sigh
FUNCH
MIZU-KI?
YOU CAN'T SLEEP?
I WANT TO BE SURE...
...OF OUR FEELINGS FOR EACH OTHER...
Sorry
DID I INTERRUPT YOU?
OH NO...
NO, YOU DIDN'T.
SQUEEZE
KUDOU-SAN...

I'VE BECOME A PET IN HEAT...
SIGH
WHAT'S WRONG, TOMURA?
OH, SUGA-NO...
IT'S A LONG WEEKEND BUT I HAVE TO WORK.
GOLF WITH A CLIENT.
He's a persistent one.
THAT SUCKS.
GOOD LUCK.
SO CAN YOU LOOK AFTER MIZUKI?
Sorry.
.....
SOR-RY...
I'M GOING HOME THIS WEEK-END.
My sister's bringing my niece over.
SORRY.
I HAVE A WEDDING TO ATTEND.
I HAVE A MEMORIAL SERVICE...

HUH?
I SAID...
EVERY-ONE WILL BE GONE FOR TWO DAYS.
YOU'LL BE ALONE WITH KUDOU.
WE'RE LEAVING HIM HOME ALONE?
Poor Mi-kun
WHAT ABOUT FOOD?
WE HAVE TO RELY ON KUDOU.
I'M WOR-RIED.
THEY SUSPECT KUDOU THE MOST.
DON'T TAKE HIM OUT-SIDE.
I KNOW.
DON'T MAKE HIM ANSWER THE DOOR.
I KNOW.
WE'RE NOT KIDS.
I'LL BE FINE, NII-SAN.
You're overreacting.
I'M COUNTING ON YOU.
I'LL BE GOOD.

COULD ...
...THIS BE...
THEN LET'S GO.
...A CHANCE TO BE HOME ALONE, JUST THE TWO OF US!
DON'T WORRY.
I'LL BE RESPONSIBLE AND TAKE CARE OF MIZUKI.
I'M HUNGRY.
OF COURSE YOU CAN'T.
THAT'S RIGHT.
I'll stay home
I'LL GO GET SOMETHING.
THEN I'LL GO TOO.
SHOOT.
I'M GETTING FIDGETY.
.....
SCRUB
SCRUB
SCRUB

OH, I'M HERE!
IN THE BATH-ROOM!
MIZUKI?
WHERE'D YOU GO?
I got food
PANT
ACTU-ALLY...
WE MIGHT TAKE A BATH TOGETHER TONIGHT...
DO YOU WANT TO EAT FIRST?
OR TAKE A BATH?
Hee hee.
CLINGLE CLINGLE
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
PRE-PARING THE BATH...
.....
WELL, THEN, SINCE IT'S READY ...
I'LL TAKE A BATH FIRST.
SORRY ...
Just stay put
YOU DON'T HAVE TO DO ALL THAT...

THEN, DO YOU...
...WANT ME TO WASH YOUR BACK?
.....
MIZUKI.
ぽいっ
THROW
.....
I TOLD YOU TO STAY PUT.
HUH?
MIZUKI.
YOU CAN STOP CLEAN-ING.
YOU SHOULD GO TO BED.
.....
...OKAY.
BUT...
TICK
TOCK
TICK
TOCK
ROLL
ROLL
ROLL
ROLL
BUT I WAS REALLY SERIOUS ...

MIZUKI.
YOU CAN STOP CLEANING NOW.
It'll go bald
.....
I THOUGHT HE WOULD BE MORE POSSESSIVE.
...HE SAID THAT MUCH.
I CAN'T TREAT YOU KINDLY UNLESS...
ACTUALLY, I WANT HIM TO BE.
ROLL ROLL
ROLL ROLL ROLL
YOU'RE ONLY ATTACHED TO ME.
MAYBE TO KUDOU-SAN...
...IT WASN'T A BIG DEAL
YOU'RE QUIET TODAY.
SIGH
I THOUGHT I SHOULD BE FOR A CHANGE.
YES
MUNCH
MUNCH
.....

WHAT?
HE SIGHED.
BEING ALONE ISN'T EASY...
AM I THAT USELESS?
WHAT DOES HE MEAN?
MIZUKI?
NII-SAN, HURRY AND COME HOME.
He's going to hate me!
I WAS GETTING CARRIED AWAY.
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
I'M EXPECTING TOO MUCH FROM HIM.

OH, SORRY.
I WAS JUST TAKING THE FUTON BACK IN.
IDIOT.
WHAT IF SOMEONE SEES YOU?
IT'S OKAY. I'LL BE FAST.
GIVE IT TO ME.
I TOLD YOU TO STAY PUT.
You don't get it, do you?
I HAVE A RESPON-SIBILITY TO...
OH...
WHOA...
THUMP
.....

KUDOU-SAN...
MIZUKI ...
KUDOU-SAN...
HUH?
I CAN ... FEEL SOME-THING ...
GET OFF
BUT, KUDOU-SAN...
JUST GET OFF

MAYBE ...
MIZUKI!
KUDOU-SAN...
...I CAN DO SOMETHING...
OUCH!
I CAN'T BELIEVE...
HE'S GETTING AROUSED...
BADUM BADUM
PANT
UM... ...THIS...
WHAT...
...ARE YOU SAY-ING?
SST..
HEY, MIZUKI.
I CAN DO IT.
I CAN...
...TAKE CARE OF IT.

HEY!
HEY. STOP IT, MIZUKI
I'VE NEVER DONE IT BEFORE ...
...BUT IF IT'S YOU, I CAN
WOW!
I CAN SERIOUSLY DO IT...
I CAN DO IT...
PANT
PANT
KUDOU-SAN...
WOW...
BITE..
THUD
STOP IT!

KU...
KUDOU-SAN.
MI-ZUKI.
WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING?
I'M SORRY.
BUT I REALLY...
THERE ARE SOME THINGS YOU SHOULDN'T DO.
DON'T BE STUPID.
I'M SORRY...
I'M GOING OUT...
I'LL BE BACK IN THE MORNING
YOU SHOULD COOL DOWN TOO.
TRAMP
CLICK
PANT
PANT
.....

WHY DO I ALWAYS...
.....
HE MIGHT HAVE BEEN GROSSED OUT.
NO PET WOULD EVER DO THAT.
I SHOULD'VE JUST STAYED PUT...
NO WONDER HE PUSHED ME AWAY.
DO SOMETHING HE DOESN'T WANT ME TO DO?
BUT I...
REALLY WANTED TO DO SOMETHING FOR HIM...
DING DONG
DING DONG
KUDOU-SAN?
RATTLE
RATTLE
IT'S NOT HIM... IF IT'S A RESIDENT, HE SHOULD HAVE A KEY.
WHO IS IT?

RATTLE RATTLE
SILENCE
DID THEY GO?
!!
A THIEF!?
I SHOULD CALL THE POLICE!
WHAT SHOULD I DO?
I'M SO USELESS.
I'LL CAUSE TROUBLE FOR EVERYONE.
I CAN'T.
I CAN'T EVEN BE A WATCHDOG.
IF I CALL, THEY'RE GOING TO FIND ME HERE.
CREAK

SIGH
HELP ME, KUDOU-SAN!
SIGH
I'M SORRY ...
HEY, THAT'S MY SPOT.
MIZUKI!

HEY!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
SLAM
DAMN.
KUDOU-SAN!
YOU...
WHOA...
HOLD IT.
KUDOU.
I'M SORRY.
IT'S ME.
ME.
MATSUSHIMA. FROM UPSTAIRS.
WHAT...
HUH?

YOU GUYS ARE BREAKING THE RULES.
WE JUST THOUGHT WE'D MAKE SURE.
HUH?
SHH! DON'T YELL.
WHAT THE HECK?
WE DIDN'T TAKE ANYTHING.
YOU WERE SNEAKING INTO OUR ROOM!
YOU'RE...
...SECRETLY KEEPING A CAT HERE, AREN'T YOU?
NOW SHOW US THE CAT!
THERE ISN'T ONE.
DO YOU SEE ANY CAT HAIR?
TAKE A LOOK.
Really clean
IT'S A CLEAN ROOM.
...YOU'RE RIGHT.
HOME ALONE...
WHAT ABOUT FOOD...
When you get a pet, your lifestyle changes
I ALSO HEARD SUGANO AND HARADA TALKING.
THAT'S WHY YOU'RE ACTING DIFFERENT.

I TOLD YOU, NO.
REALLY?
SO, NO CAT?
IF YOU STAY ANY LONGER, I'LL CALL THE POLICE.
GET OUT!
I WANTED TO PET IT.
I THOUGHT IT WAS A CAT...
KITTY...
BUMMED
THE PEOPLE IN THIS DORM ARE SO WEIRD...
I WAS SO SCARED.
Hic.
Sniff
I WOULD'VE CAUSED HIM EVEN MORE TROUBLE.
IF THEY SAW ME...
BUT I'M GLAD.
MIZUKI, ARE YOU OKAY?
...

MIZUKI.
LISTEN.
I KNOW YOUR PERSONALITY.
I KNOW YOU WANT TO HELP.
BUT... YOU'RE NOT OBLIGATED TO DO SO.
SORRY.
I PROMISED TO TAKE CARE OF YOU...
BUT I LEFT YOU ALONE...
...NO.
IT'S ALL... ALL... MY FAULT.
BE-CAUSE ... I DID... THAT...
I'M SO ASHAMED... I COULD DIE...

MAYBE I CAN DO SOME-THING...
SO... DON'T SAY THOSE THINGS.
I'M NOT TRYING TO BREAK YOU AND TEACH YOU TRICKS.
EVEN IF YOU DON'T HELP OUT... I STILL CARE FOR YOU.
I'M... ...SO STUPID.
I REALLY WANTED TO.
BUT I USED MY POSITION AS A PET.
IT WAS MY OWN WISH.
KUDOU-SAN...
I'M SORRY. I JUST... ...COULDN'T SAY IT.
MIZUKI.

I WANTED YOU TO...
LIKE LAST TIME...
I WAS WAITING...
I...
...WANTED TO DO IT.
BUT...
...I COULDN'T ASK YOU TO...
SO IT CAME OUT LIKE THAT.
BEING A "PET" IS JUST AN EXCUSE.
I'M JUST IN LOVE WITH KUDOU-SAN.

PANT
BEING ALONE ISN'T EASY.
I...
..PROMISED YOUR BROTHER ...
MM.
NM.
MN.
I'M COUNTING ON YOU.
IF HE FINDS OUT, HE'LL KILL ME...
KUDOU-SAN...
HE WAS WORRIED ABOUT WHAT NII-SAN SAID?

HE WAS CONCERNED ABOUT THAT?
KUDOU-SAN WAS THE ONE WALKING ON EGGSHELLS...
MIZUKI...
AH...
MM...
AH...
WHAT DO YOU WANT ME TO DO?
ASK ME...
MIZUKI.
AH...
I WANT TO PET YOU...
UH... ANY-WHERE.
KUDOU-SAN...

I DIDN'T WANT HIM TO KEEP ME ALL TO HIMSELF.
OH, I GET IT NOW.
I WANTED TO KEEP HIM ALL TO MYSELF...
ガチャ
CLICK
HEY, KUDOU.
MIZUKI'S GONE.
MIZUKI. I'M HOME.
HUH?
WHERE ARE YOU?
MIZUKI?

WHERE DID HE...
.....
OH, IT'S YOU, NII-SAN.
You scared us
WE HID BECAUSE WE DIDN'T THINK IT WAS YOU.
You're home early
I WAS WORRIED...
SO I CAME BACK A DAY SOONER.
Here's your souvenir!
I WAS WORRIED TOO.
EVERYTHING OKAY?
YES.
Nothing happened?
Sort-a
THE PEOPLE AT THIS DORM...
...ARE ALL WEIRD, BUT GOOD PEOPLE.
WHY ARE YOU HUNCHED OVER?
I'M CLEANING.
ROLL ROLL
THEY TAKE GOOD CARE OF ME...
BUT I KIND OF WISH THEY WEREN'T HERE...
I'M SUCH A BAD PET...
...THE OTHER GUYS DIDN'T FIND MIZUKI.
I WAS ABLE TO HANDLE IT.
I think.
I SEE...

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BE GOOD, MIZUKI.
SEE YOU, MI-KUN.
WE'RE GOING, MI-KUN.
OKAY.
HAVE A GOOD DAY.
I LOST MY JOB WHEN MY COMPANY WENT BANK-RUPT.
SO I'M STAYING AT MY BROTHER'S COMPANY DORM.
EVERYONE IS NICE AND I GOT USED TO DOING HOUSEWORK.
CLEANING & LAUNDRY
ROLL ROLL
DAZED
Bored when done
BUT...
IT'S ONLY NOON.
...I CAN'T GO OUT BECAUSE I'M KEPT HERE IN SECRET.
I ENVY THE OUTDOOR CATS.
Outdoor cat

I NEED TO DO SOMETHING SOON...
...OR I MIGHT NOT BE TREATED AS A HUMAN AGAIN.
AND I'M WORRIED.
Indoor cat
CLICK CLICK
TWITCH
I'M HOME.
MIZUKI?
KUDOU-SAN!
WHY ARE YOU HERE?
Forgot something?
NO, I CAME TO EAT.
I THOUGHT MAYBE WE COULD EAT TOGETHER.
I got this.
KUDOU-SAN IS CURT... BUT VERY KIND.
GRIP
THANK YOU.
I'LL GO GET DRINKS.
MIZUKI.

HUH?
BEFORE THAT, CAN WE...
...YEAH?
OH...
KUDOU-SAN...
I THINK ...
WE HAVE A SPECIAL RELATION-SHIP.
MN.
KUDOU-SAN...
CREAK
MIZU-KI...
IT'S BEEN A WHILE SINCE HE KISSED ME...
TOUCHED
BUT THE SITUATION...
DOESN'T ALLOW US TO BE ALONE THAT MUCH...

MN.
SMACK
PANT
PLEASE GIVE ME MORE...
DON'T STOP...
KUDOU-SAN... MORE...
MN.
SMACK
...
MIZU-KI...
SORRY...
I CAN'T RIGHT NOW.
No time
OH, I'M SORRY! YOU'RE WORKING!
THAT'S RIGHT.
I WENT OVERBOARD!
AAAGGHH
OH, I WAS ABOUT TO GET DRINKS.
DRINKS ...
SIGH

I REALLY CAN'T CONTINUE LIKE THIS...
SIGH...
I NEED TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT.
.....
MIZUKI.
DO YOU WANT TO GO OUTSIDE SOME-TIMES?
HUH?
IT'S HARD TO ALWAYS STAY INDOORS.
WE CAN TAKE A WALK.
...NO. I'M FINE, THANK YOU.
IF I GO OUT, I'LL GET IN TROUBLE.
AND YOU'RE BUSY WITH WORK.
.....
THAT'S TRUE.

RIGHT.
I CAN'T RELY ON THEM ANY FURTHER.
I HADN'T PLANNED... ON STAYING THIS LONG.
OH NO.
AM I MAKING HIM WORRY ABOUT ME?
I NEED TO ACT!
I THINK... I'LL START LOOKING FOR A JOB AGAIN.
I NEED TO SAVE MONEY...
AND MOVE OUT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.
.....
WHAT?
Mizuki!
YOU'RE SAYING YOU'RE UNHAPPY HERE?
NO, I LIKE IT HERE.
WHAT AN UNGRATEFUL CAT.
I'M VERY GRATEFUL!
STOP TRYING, MI-KUN.
YOU'VE FAILED SO MANY TIMES BEFORE.
You get fired.

HUH? YOU WERE HUMAN?
AREN'T YOU A CAT?
YEAH.
HOW MEAN!
BUT...
I REALLY NEED TO STAND ON MY OWN.
I'M A HUMAN.
NII-SAN! YOU AGREE WITH ME?
MIZU...
TRUE.
YOU SHOULD GET OUT.
MAYBE YOU SHOULD GO HOME.
HUH?
IF YOU WANT TO SAVE MONEY...
GO BACK HOME AND FIND A JOB.
MOM AND DAD WOULD BE RELIEVED TOO.

THAT'S TRUE, BUT...
...I'VE CAUSED UNCLE AND AUNTIE SO MUCH TROUBLE ALREADY.
SO I WANT TO...
YOU DON'T HAVE TO HAVE SUCH STUPID PRIDE.
HEY. DON'T BE SO MEAN.
SHUT UP. THIS IS FAMILY.
.....
NII-SAN'S RIGHT.
IT'S THE CORRECT THING TO DO.
BUT IF I GO HOME...
I'LL BE APART FROM KUDOU-SAN!...
I DON'T WANT THAT!
FIVE MINUTES FROM THE STATION. WAITER.
THIS IS GOOD. I CAN DO THIS.
Waiter Wanted
· Wa
· Very simple job

I SHOULD FIND A JOB NEARBY.
WHAT? $12 AN HOUR?
DORM READY? I CAN MOVE IN RIGHT AWAY?
THIS IS IT!
IT'S THE PERFECT JOB.
I'VE DECIDED!
I'LL TAKE THIS JOB AND LEAVE THE DORM.
ARE YOU A RUN-AWAY?
NO, I'M NOT...
YOU'RE REALLY 18?
I'M 18...
MANAGER, A NEW WAITER?
He's cute.
THAT'S RIGHT, KAREN-CHAN. TAKE CARE OF HIM.

IF YOU TOUCH THEM, YOU'LL BE FINED $5,000.
.....
SHOOT.
IT WAS THIS KIND OF PLACE...
DON'T JUST STAND THERE.
HURRY AND CHANGE.
HUH?
UM...
WHAT SHOULD I DO?
HEY, HANDS OFF.
HOW COME?
HEY, NEWBIE. MORE ICE.
YES, SIR!
ASH TRAY.
YES!
HOT TOWEL.
YES!
THIS IS THE DORM.
YOU CAN SLEEP ANY-WHERE.
WHAT? WHERE?
IT'S SO DIFFER-ENT FROM THE REPOSE DORM.

I SHOULD RUN NOW.
SNEAK
OW!
I'M SO SORRY!
DON'T STEP ON ME!
WHAT SHOULD I DO?
Corner
.....
THIS IS A BAD SITUATION...
TOMURA.
I HEARD MI-KUN...
...GOT A JOB AT A PLACE WITH HOUSING.
YEAH, THAT'S WHAT HE SAID.
WHERE IS IT?
WHEN I ASKED, HE HUNG UP.
HE SAID IT'S A BAR.
WHAT BAR? A CHAIN?
BUT IT HAS HOUSING, RIGHT?
HE PRETENDED HE RAN OUT OF MINUTES.
OH ...
MI-KUN IS SERI-OUS.
Uh-oh
IT'S BECAUSE YOU WERE MEAN TO HIM, TOMURA.

THE WORK IS REALLY HARD.
IT'S NOT RIGHT FOR ME.
Only $30
BUT AT LEAST...
THIS IS CLOSER TO A "NORMAL" LIFE.
I CAN LIVE AS A HUMAN AGAIN... INSTEAD OF BEING THE DORM PET.
I CAN GO OUT.
I CAN BUY THINGS WITH MY OWN MONEY.
AND...
KUDOU-SAN.
MIZUKI.

I CAN MEET WITH KUDOU-SAN OUTSIDE.
IT'S BEEN A WHILE.
SORRY TO MAKE YOU COME OUT.
IT'S FINE.
LET'S GO EAT.
OKAY.
ALONE...
YOU HAVE THE DAY OFF TODAY?
YES. I COULDN'T TAKE OFF UNTIL I LEARNED MY DUTIES.
I'M SORRY, I...
NO, IT'S FINE IF YOU WERE BUSY.
I WAS WORRIED SINCE I DIDN'T HEAR FROM YOU.

WHERE DO YOU WORK?
OH. UM, A BAR.
I HEARD. EVERY-ONE WANTS TO GO.
OH. UH... THEY SHOULDN'T.
IT'S NOT THE TYPE OF BAR THEY WOULD LIKE.
I CAN'T TELL HIM.
I HATE LYING, BUT...
SIGH..
I SHOULD HEAD HOME.
HUH?
BUT, I STILL HAVE TIME.
THERE'S NO CUR-FEW...
PAT
YOU'RE BUSY, RIGHT?
YOU SHOULD REST WHEN YOU CAN.
THEN... ...I'LL SEE YOU.

KUDOU-SAN...
I FEEL...
...LIKE I WAS PUSHED AWAY.
SIGH
.....
LOVE HOTEL
I HAD THE MONEY AND THE TIME...
SO I WAS HOPING WE COULD...
BUT MAYBE...
...HE WON'T GIVE ME HIS ATTENTION UNLESS I'M A PET AT THE DORM.

SIGH...
LIFE IS BORING...
YEAH.
Jiggling boobies
MISTER, WE HAVE A LOT OF NICE GIRLS.
WELCOME!
Only $3
I'M SO STUPID.
I WANTED TO BE INDEPENDENT.
Bring 'em in!
HEY, GET TO WORK!
I'M SORRY!
WHERE AM I SUPPOSED TO RELEASE MY WORK STRESS?
LIFE SUCKS!
RIGHT.
EVEN IF WE GO HOME, THERE'S NO CUTE CAT WAITING.
MI-KUN?
SHOOT!
.....
THERE ARE JIGGLING BOOBIES WAITING... FOR Y...
WOULD YOU LIKE TO STOP BY?
EXCUSE ME, MISTERS!
OKAY, LET'S GO DRINK MORE.
SOB SOB

BUZZ
BUZZ
BUZZ
TADA
WELCOME TO OUR PLACE.
ANY-THING SPECIAL?
THIS FRISKY KITTEN.
HUH?
YOU'RE IMPOS-SIBLE...
THAT'S OUR LINE.
I DIDN'T THINK IT WAS THIS KIND OF BAR.
I'M SORRY.
BUT I AM WORKING HARD.
I DON'T THINK IT SUITS YOU THOUGH.
TOMURA WOULD AGREE WITH ME.

PLEASE DON'T TELL NII-SAN.
OR KUDOU-SAN EITHER.
SO...
YOU WANT TO HIDE THIS FROM THEM?
THAT PROVES THE JOB IS NOT FOR YOU.
ACTUALLY, IT'S PERFECT.
SU-GANO-SAN.
SEE? HOW CUTE. ♡
HARADA-SAN!
Got it from the lady there
WELL, SINCE WE'RE HERE...
LET'S DRINK.
SA-TAKE-SAN!
MI-KUN, GIMME A LIGHT.
Here
HOLD THE GLASS RIGHT.
You suck
HUH?
AND FROM THAT DAY ON...
THE REPOSE GUYS CAME TO SEE ME...
DAY...
AFTER DAY...
AFTER DAY...

You're number one this month!
DON'T QUIT.
MAYBE I SHOULD QUIT SOON.
Welcome!
THIS WASN'T WHAT I HAD PLANNED...
Mi-kun!
Mi-kun!
SO NOW THAT MIZUKI IS GONE, YOU REVERT BACK TO YOUR OLD HABITS?
SO PREDICTABLE.
CLICK
YOU'RE AWFULLY LATE.
WHEN YOU GET BACK, YOU SHOULD LET EVERYONE KNOW.
.....
...
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?
THE OTHERS ARE LATE TOO.
OH, WELL ...
THE OTHER GUYS ARE...

TOMURA.
MIZUKI REALLY DIDN'T SAY WHERE HE WAS?
NOPE.
AREN'T YOU WORRIED?
MIZUKI DIDN'T TELL ME.
SUGANO DID.
CLUB Paladise Delicias FT
Please come every day
48 Mi-kun
I love Harada-san♡
WHAT'S THIS?
IT'S A SKANKY CLUB NEAR THE STATION.
HARADA MADE HIM WRITE...
that
YOU KNEW THIS, YET YOU...
MIZUKI IS ALWAYS LIKE THIS.
HE'S STUBBORN AND DOES STUPID THINGS.
HE WON'T LISTEN TO ME...
SO I JUST LET HIM DO WHATEVER HE WANTS UNTIL HE'S OVER IT.

BUT...
I TELL HIM NOT TO BE RETICENT, BUT HE STILL IS.
HE DOESN'T REALIZE THAT HIS RELUCTANCE IS MORE SELFISH.
HE'S AN IDIOT.
MIZUKI...
WHAT DO YOU WANT FOR CHRISTMAS?
I DON'T NEED ANY-THING.
TOY
YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE SHY.
HURRY AND CHOOSE.
NO, IT'S OKAY...
YOU'RE SO STUB-BORN!
SLAP
"OW!"
I...
I WANT TO WORK INSTEAD OF GOING TO COLLEGE.
I TOLD YOU I DON'T NEED ANYTHING!
WAAAHH
BRAT!
STOP IT!
I'm getting mad again...
.....
NII-SAN, I'M HUNGRY.
SO IT'S BEST TO LEAVE HIM ALONE.
HE'LL COME CRYING TO ME SOON ENOUGH.

YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE SO HARSH.
MIZUKI'S TRYING TO FIGURE IT OUT.
WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT HIM?
WHAT I'M SAYING IS...
...HE'S TOO MUCH OF A BURDEN FOR YOU.
SO DON'T BOTHER WITH HIM.
...
CLICK
THUMP

HUH?
HUH?
Come here!
MI-KUN, HE WANTS YOU.
SURE, BUT HE'S A BOY.
CAN I ASK FOR THAT CAT?
HA HA HA
I DON'T KNOW ANYMORE.
WHAT AM I DOING?
PROTECT HIM.
NO.
MI-KUN IS ONLY FOR REPOSE.
YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE SO STUBBORN.
JUST COME BACK.
OKAY?
YEAH.
HEY, MI-KUN.
HAVEN'T YOU HAD ENOUGH ALREADY?
AND IN THE END...
THE REPOSE GUYS STILL TAKE CARE OF ME.

BUZZ
BUZZ
I GUESS...
I REALLY CAN'T BE INDEPEN-DENT...
TAP
WELCOME, SIR.
ANY-THING SPECIAL?
"MI-KUN."
.....
!!
MEOW
YOU HAVE GOOD TASTE!
HE'S OUR LOVELY NUMBER-ONE KITTY CAT.
NO WAY!
NO WAY!
KUDOU ...
HE FINALLY FOUND OUT.

I'M SORRY!
...SEEMS YOU'RE WORKING HARD.
I LIED...
I CAN'T WELCOME KUDOU-SAN DRESSED LIKE THIS...
TING
BUT I DON'T THINK IT'S RIGHT FOR YOU.
WELL, IT IS A BAR.
I WANT TO DISAPPEAR.
YES...
YOU DIDN'T WANT TO TALK ABOUT IT...
SO I THOUGHT YOU DIDN'T NEED ME ANYMORE.
WHEN YOU LEFT THE DORM AND STARTED WORKING...
I REALLY FELT LONELY.

I CAN LISTEN TO YOUR PROBLEMS TOO.
KUDOU-SAN...
OF COURSE NOT...
I KNOW YOU WANT TO BE INDEPEN-DENT.
BUT IF YOU'RE GOING TO GO THIS FAR...
I WISH YOU HAD COME TO ME FIRST.
I THOUGHT ...
...YOU WOULD RELY ON ME MORE.
KUDOU-SAN...
I'M SORRY.
I...
DIDN'T MEAN IT LIKE THAT...
I DO WANT TO BE INDEPEN-DENT.
BUT I ALSO THOUGHT...
...WE COULD MOVE FORWARD IF WE DIDN'T HAVE TO HIDE...
OUR RELATION-SHIP FROM THE OTHERS.

I WAS BEING STUPID... MY HEAD WAS IN THE CLOUDS.
I'M SORRY FOR BEING NAÏVE.
YOU WANTED TO MOVE FORWARD. WITH ME, I MEAN.
YES. I'M SORRY.
WHY DO YOU...
WHY DIDN'T YOU JUST SAY SO?
COME.
HUH?
LET'S GO.
UM... KUDOU-SAN?
OH, SIR.
He's still working!
Oh, sir!
...
Kudou...

...NEED ANY-THING.
HUH?
NO, I DON'T...
WHAT'S WRONG?
WHERE ARE WE GOING?
I HAVE A PRESENT FOR YOU.
...YOU'RE JUST LIKE TOMURA SAID.
JUST SHUT UP AND ACCEPT IT.
WHERE IS THIS?
TAP
TAP
TAP
I HAD A FRIEND LOOK FOR THIS PLACE.
IT'S REALLY GOOD FOR THE LOCATION.
NO BATH, BUT NO DEPO-SIT.
$300 RENT.
PLENTY OF SUN.

I WAS DECIDING WHEN TO GIVE IT TO YOU, BUT THEN YOU LEFT...
SO I THOUGHT I DIDN'T NEED IT ANYMORE.
YOU CAN EASILY AFFORD IT IF YOU WORK.
IT'S CLOSE TO MY DORM.
IT'S YOUR OWN ROOM.
I THOUGHT WE COULD BE ALONE HERE.
MY HEAD WAS IN THE CLOUDS TOO.
YOU WANT TO GO OUT?
THAT TIME...
But you said no
...SO I COULD SHOW YOU.
I WANTED TO TAKE A WALK...
YOU HAD THIS FOR A WHILE?
KUDOU-SAN...

I WANTED TO GET A BETTER ROOM...
BUT I KNEW YOU WOULD REJECT IT.
SO I CHOSE THIS ONE.
I DO...
...UNDERSTAND YOUR PERSONALITY, YOU KNOW.
KUDOU-SAN...
HE EVEN TOOK INTO CONSI-DERATION...
...MY STUPID PRIDE.
HE CARED FOR ME THIS MUCH.
I CAN'T...
BELIEVE YOU DID...
ALL THIS FOR ME...
THAT'S NOT WHAT I WANTED TO HEAR.

OH...
THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
KUDOU-SAN GAVE US A PLACE TO START...
WHILE I WAS BLINDLY WANDERING AROUND...
KUDOU-SAN...
I'M HAPPY...
YOU LIKE IT.
YEAH.

SMACK
THANK YOU...
YEAH.
I'LL WORK HARD.
I'M REALLY HAPPY.
YEAH.
I LOVE YOU.
YES.
I'LL WORK HARD.
SO THAT I CAN...
...BE WITH KUDOU-SAN...
MMN.
MN.

MIZU-KI.
AH. KUDOU-SAN...
CAN YOU...
YEAH, LET'S.
ALL THE WAY...
TOUCHED
ALL THE WAY.
STOMP STOMP STOMP
WHOA.
THIS IS A CLASSY APART-MENT.
IT'S A NICE CAT HOUSE, MI-KUN.
SLAM!
AAGHH!
WHY ARE YOU ALL HERE?
HEH HEH HEH HEH
HEH HEH HEH
OUR KITTY WAS CAT-NAPPED.
SO WE FOL-LOWED.
DAMN IT..
KU-DOU.
WERE YOU GOING TO KEEP HIM IN SECRET?
NII-SAN.

Damn.
I WAS HAPPY YOU WERE FINALLY APART...
BUT YOU'RE PERSIS-TENT.
HUH? WH... WHA?
A SKANKY CLUB IS MUCH BETTER THAN THIS.
WHACK!
IDIOT!
SEEMS ...
I CAN'T BE COMPLETELY HAPPY.
Our second house!
Didn't plan for this.
SO MY NEW HOME...
BECAME A REST PLACE FOR EVERY-ONE.
Your fault.
I QUIT MY JOB AT THE CLUB AND GOT A REGULAR DAY JOB.
I STARTED LIVING ON MY OWN, BUT...
HEY, MIZUKI.
I'LL TREAT YOU TO DINNER...
SO CAN YOU DO ME A FAVOR?
HUH? WHAT IS IT?
PLEASE DON'T QUIT, MI-KUN.

pig pen
.....
YOU CAN LINT ROLL AS MUCH AS YOU LIKE.
I FORGOT HOW TO CLEAN.
EVER SINCE YOU LEFT IT GOT...
dirty
SO I'VE BEEN VISITING OFTEN.
FROM AN IN-DOOR CAT...
...TO A VISIT-ING CAT.
IT SEEMS I'M STILL CONTINUING...
...MY DUTIES AS A PET.
WELCOME HOME, MI-KUN.

EPISODE 4 / FIN

TODAY IS SUNDAY.
I HAVE THE DAY OFF.
ROLL
ROLL
ROLL
ROLL
KUDOU-SAN HAS THE DAY OFF.
PHEW
ペット・お仕事中
Pet on Duty
.....
I GUESS IT'LL BE TOO OBVIOUS IF I LEAVE IT OUT.
DEBATING
BUT I DON'T WANT TO HAVE TO TAKE IT OUT WHEN THE TIME COMES.
I KNOW.
I'LL PRETEND I WAS AIRING IT OUT.
IN THE ROOM KUDOU-SAN FOUND FOR ME...
FINALLY BE ALONE...
TODAY WE WILL...
にゃっ
MEOW

HEY, MIZU-KI.
BUZZ
BUZZ
LET'S PLAY.
WE CAME TO GET YOU.
.....
SUPER
EVERY-ONE ELSE ALSO...
...HAS THE DAY OFF TODAY...
EPISODE 5

Pet on Duty
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お仕事中

I FINALLY LEFT THE REPOSE DORM...
...AND STARTED LIVING ON MY OWN.
AND YOU CAN LINT ROLL ALL YOU WANT.
Let's go.
THAT SMALL CATHOUSE IS TOO CRAMPED.
YOU SHOULD SPEND SUNDAYS AT OUR PLACE. IT'S BIGGER.
SHEESH.
MY DREAM TO BE ALONE...
BUT EVERYONE STILL WANTS TO TAKE CARE OF ME.
Right
WOMEN CAN'T COMFORT US LIKE PETS DO.
THERE'S A DIFFERENCE BETWEEN LOVERS AND CATS.
DON'T YOU HAVE GIRL-FRIENDS?
DON'T YOU GUYS HAVE ANYTHING ELSE TO DO ON YOUR DAY OFF?
WE WANT TO ENJOY OUR FREEDOM UNTIL WE GET MARRIED.
HEY, SHUT UP.
HOW PATHETIC.

HA HA HA
IT'S FUN PLAYING WITH MIZUKI.
.....
I CAN'T BE SELFISH, BUT...
IT'S NOT QUITE WHAT I HOPED FOR.
SERVES YOU RIGHT.
No hogging Mizuki!
THAT'S RIGHT.
IT'S YOUR FAULT FOR SNEAKING OUT.
GRR
MIZUKI, YOU TOO.
NII-SAN.
I DON'T GET IT AT ALL.
WHAT'S SO GREAT ABOUT KUDOU?
HE'S JUST A GRUMPY OLD GUY.
THAT'S NOT...

MAYBE... HE'S ACTUALLY THE SON OF A RICH FAMILY.
HE'S RELATED TO AN OIL TYCOON.
HE'S AN ARISTO-CRAT.
HE HAS FAMOUS PARENTS.
RIGHT. YOU MUST HAVE A REASON.
DOES KUDOU HAVE A SECRET...
...THAT ATTRACTS YOU?
HUH?
Secret?
HUH? WAIT.
YOU LOOK LIKE YOU KNOW SOME-THING.
I DON'T KNOW ANY-THING!
.....
WHY WOULD I?
I JUST REMEMBERED SOMETHING, SO I HAVE TO GO.
MIZU-KI.
.....
WAIT UP.

IT'S FINE.
I'M SORRY.
I GOT OVERLY AGITATED ...
ACTUALLY ...
THERE IS SOMETHING THAT ONLY I KNOW.
"SECRET."
KUDOU-SAN TOLD ME...
WHEN I FIRST CAME HERE.
WHEN I FIRST MET KUDOU-SAN, HE WAS A LITTLE SCARY.
I'M... THE ILLEGITI-MATE SON... ...OF THE CEO OF REPOSE.
HIS SECRET BOTHERED HIM...
...AND SO HE ACTED TOUGH.
...I DIDN'T THINK...
THEY WOULD START PRYING INTO ME LIKE THAT.
WHEN MY PAR-ENTS DIED...
I DIDN'T WANT TO BE A BURDEN TO OTHERS.
SO I ACTED TOUGH TOO....
HE PROBABLY CONFIDED IN ME...
...BECAUSE I WAS THAT WAY TOO.

IT'S OKAY.
I WON'T SAY ANYTHING.
ACTUALLY, I HAD FORGOTTEN ABOUT IT.
SO AS LONG AS THEY DON'T GET NOSY...
SORRY.
MAYBE I SHOULDN'T HAVE TOLD YOU.
HUH? WHY?
IT'S CAUSING YOU TROUBLE.
WITH THE GUYS.
.....
KU-DOU-SAN...
PLEASE DON'T...
...SAY THAT...

IT'S BE-CAUSE YOU TOLD ME...
THAT I WAS ABLE TO DEPEND ON YOU MORE...
YOU KNOW... KUDOU DOES SEEM TO HAVE A SECRET.
YEAH. HE HARDLY TALKS ABOUT HIMSELF.
BUT WE'RE ALL ADULTS.
WE SHOULDN'T STICK OUR NOSES IN HIS BUSI-NESS.
YEAH. MAYBE KUDOU HAS BONITO FLAKES OR SOMETHING IN HIS POCKET.
I love you!
YEAH, THAT'S IT.
PLEASE WAIT.
I CAN'T STOP NOW.
TWITCH
YOU HAVE TO UNDERSTAND HOW I FEEL
CAN I SEE YOU TONIGHT?
YES.
THEN THE SUN HOTEL LOBBY AT 7.
I'LL BE THERE.

...YOU THINK IT'S WORK?
Hm.
DON'T KNOW.
SO...
...WE CAME TO SPY.
WELL...
WE'RE FULL OF CHILDLIKE CURIOSITY.
IT'S 7 O'CLOCK.

HOLDING HER HANDS TOO.
HE WAS...
...MEETING A WOMAN.
WE WERE SURPRISED.
AN OLDER WOMAN...
IT'S PROBABLY AN AFFAIR.
MI-KUN, ARE YOU OKAY?
YOU'RE FROZEN.
A BOLT OUT OF THE BLUE.
SO IT WAS A SECRET MIZUKI DIDN'T KNOW EITHER.
NO WAY...
KUDOU-SAN... WITH A WOMAN?!
I NEVER EVEN THOUGHT OF THAT.
BUT IT BOTHERS ME...
KNOCK KNOCK
MIZUKI?
MAYBE IT'S A MISTAKE.
MAYBE THEY'RE MESSING WITH ME.

HOW UNUSUAL.
NO ONE ELSE IS HERE?
OH, KUDOU-SAN.
WELCOME ...
WHAT'S GOING ON?
WHY DIDN'T HE TELL ME?
WHAT'S WRONG? YOU DON'T LOOK WELL.
NO, IT'S NOTHING.
SHOULD I ASK?
BUT IF IT WAS TRUE...
...
MIZUKI?
.....
NO, I CAN'T ASK!
UH...
I'M SORRY!

I'M NOT FEELING TOO GOOD TODAY.
I MIGHT BE SICK.
ARE YOU OKAY?
YES, BUT I DON'T WANT TO GIVE IT TO YOU.
SO I'LL SEE YOU LATER.
THUMP
MIZUKI...
WHAT SHOULD I DO?
I'M SCARED.
I CAN TELL THAT KUDOU-SAN...
...CARES FOR ME.
BUT IF THERE'S SOMEONE ELSE...
THERE'S A DIFFERENCE BETWEEN LOVERS AND CATS.
WOMEN CAN'T COMFORT US LIKE PETS DO.

KNOCK KNOCK
MI-KUN.
WE CAME TO VISIT.
WHAT AM I SUPPOSED TO DO?
CLICK
YOU SHOULD STOP BY...
YOU HAVEN'T VISITED US LATELY.
WHAT IF...
I'M JUST A PET TO HIM...
...AND NOT A LOVER?
MUMBLE MUMBLE
MUMBLE MUMBLE
Corner
THUMP...
.....
OH NO...
YOU THINK MI-KUN SERIOUSLY LIKED KUDOU?
THEN WE SHOULDN'T HAVE TOLD HIM ABOUT THE WOMAN.
.....

I CAN'T...
IF KUDOU-SAN LEAVES ME...
I CAN'T...
BECAUSE HE WAS SO NICE...
MAYBE I MISTOOK HIS SYMPATHY FOR SOMETHING MORE.
MAY-BE ...
I RELIED TOO MUCH ON KUDOU-SAN.
WHAP
I REALLY HATE THAT ABOUT YOU!
STOP MOPING AROUND!
WHAP WHAP WHAP
!!
YOU DON'T HAVE TO HIT ME!
WHAT IS IT?
NII-SAN!
HUH?
HOW ANNOY-ING...

PANT
THAT'S WHY IT WON'T WORK...
...BETWEEN THE BOTH OF YOU.
HUH?
I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOUR RELATION-SHIP IS...
PANT
BUT ARE YOU GOING TO TIPTOE AROUND...
...WORRYING ABOUT HIS FEELINGS?
JUST LIKE YOU ALWAYS DO?
YOU WONDER IF YOU CAN STAY HERE.
YOU KEEP WORRYING ABOUT STUPID THINGS.
IS THAT HOW YOU'RE GOING TO BE WITH HIM?
NII-SAN...
IF YOU STAY WITH KUDOU...
YOU'RE GOING TO BE MORE ANNOYING THAN EVER!
BREAK UP WITH HIM!
.....
THAT'S RIGHT...

I'LL ASK HIM WHAT'S GOING ON.
OKAY. I'M GOING TO SEE KUDOU-SAN.
I AL-WAYS ...
...WORRY AND DO STUPID THINGS.
I'M TELLING YOU TO BREAK UP WITH HIM.
MOPING AROUND WON'T SOLVE ANYTHING.
IT WASN'T RIGHT BECAUSE I WAS BEING COMPLIANT.
THAT'S WHY NII-SAN WAS AGAINST IT.
AT FIRST I WAS HAPPY HE FELT SORRY FOR ME.
I NEED TO TALK WITH HIM.
BUT THAT WAS ONLY AT FIRST.
...AFTER I TALK TO HIM.
I'LL DECIDE THAT...

NOW, I'M JUST SIMPLY...
...IN LOVE WITH HIM...
THUD
WHOA!
I'M SORRY!
I wasn't looking
.....
HOW DID YOU GET IN?
...WHAT THE?
WHO ARE YOU?
OH...
SHOOT.
I DON'T KNOW THEM.
THEY MUST BE FROM UPSTAIRS.
I FORGOT TO CHECK.
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?
OUTSIDERS AREN'T ALLOWED.

...A THIEF!
I'M...
OH NO!
DO YOU KNOW THIS BOY?
NO!
HE'S OUR LITTLE CAT...
ACTU-ALLY...
I'M GOING TO GET THEM IN TROUBLE.
WHOA, MIZUKI!
HUH? MI-KUN?
OH... UM...
DANG, THE FIFTH FLOOR GUYS.
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
I HAVE NOTHING TO DO WITH THEM! I SNUCK IN ON MY OWN!
MY OWN DOING.
.....
MIZUKI?
DOING SOMETHING STUPID AGAIN...
MI-KUN...

KUDOU-SAN.
I MEAN, I'M A THIEF!
I don't know you!
WHAT'S WITH YOU GUYS?
WHAT'S GOING ON?
I TOLD YOU... I'M A ROBBER!
HE'S MY BOYFRIEND.
THIS IS MY BOYFRIEND.
I BROUGHT HIM HERE.
I TAKE FULL RESPON-SIBILITY.

KUDOU-SAN...
HOLD IT.
HE'S MY BROTHER.
I brought him!
TOMURA!
You too?
NO, MIZUKI IS WITH ME.
YOU STAY OUT OF IT.
KUDOU-SAN...
SO WHAT'S THE STORY?
EXPLAIN YOUR-SELVES.
NOW, NOW.
YOU GUYS HAVE A CAT TOO.
WE'LL ALL KEEP QUIET.
HOW DO YOU KNOW THAT?
See episode 3
SIGH
SO THAT'S WHAT HAPPENED

I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU FOLLOWED ME.
WE'RE SORRY ABOUT THAT.
THAT WOMAN ...
IS A FRIEND OF MY LATE MOTHER.
MY MOTHER OWNED A STORE...
...AND BORROWED MONEY FROM HER.
SHE TOLD ME I DIDN'T HAVE TO ANYMORE...
BUT I'M SLOWLY REPAYING HER. THAT'S ALL.
I WASN'T HOLDING HER HAND. I WAS GIVING HER AN ENVELOPE.
IF YOU'RE SPYING, DO IT RIGHT!
.....
SO, THAT'S THE TRUTH ...
I'M SORRY.
I GOT THE WRONG IDEA.
WELL.
I DIDN'T TELL YOU BECAUSE I DIDN'T WANT TO WORRY YOU.
BUT...
I SHOULD'VE JUST TOLD YOU EVERYTHING.
KUDOU-SAN...

MY MOTHER USED TO BE...
...THE LOVER OF OUR COMPANY'S CEO.
WHAT?
HE'S MY FATHER.
.....
FOR REAL?
This is bigger than an oil tycoon!
BUT I'VE NEVER MET HIM.
HE DOESN'T KNOW ABOUT ME.
I JOINED THE COMPANY TO SEE HOW CLOSE I COULD GET TO HIM...
...ON MY OWN.
BUT... I STOPPED CARING WHEN MIZUKI CAME.
KUDOU-SAN...
IT WAS A STUPID THING TO DO...
BUT IT DOESN'T MATTER ANYMORE.
I SEE.
SO YOU GUYS FELT SORRY FOR EACH OTHER.

YOU FELT SORRY FOR MIZUKI BECAUSE OF HIS PAST...
...AND CARED FOR HIM. AND MIZUKI FELT THE SAME.
NII-SAN, I...
SO?
IS IT WRONG TO FEEL A CONNEC-TION...
AND THEN DEVELOP FEELINGS FOR HIM?
HE WAS ACTING JUST LIKE ME...
...DOING STUPID THINGS.
KUDOU...
I SAW THAT AND THOUGHT HE WAS CUTE. SO WHAT?
I'M TELLING YOU...
I CARE ABOUT MIZUKI THE MOST.
WHICH ONE OF YOU IDIOTS SAID...
...THAT LOVERS AND PETS ARE DIFFER-ENT?

I'M NOT FORCING ANYTHING ON HIM.
I'M TRYING TO DO WHAT MIZUKI WANTS.
I HAVE FEELINGS FOR MIZUKI ONLY.
I'M NOT LIKE YOU GUYS.
HEY...
SO PLEASE DON'T BOTHER US ANYMORE.
IT DOESN'T MATTER HOW IT HAPPENED...
I JUST LOVE HIM THE WAY HE IS.
KUDOU-SAN...
PLEASE STOP.
SAVE THOSE WORDS...
...FOR ME ONLY.
PANT
PANT
PANT

IT DOESN'T MATTER HOW.
BUT I'M HAPPY.
MIZUKI...
WE'RE JUST IN LOVE. THAT'S ALL.
PHEW
I DIDN'T KNOW KUDOU WAS SO PASSION-ATE.
IT'S THE BIGGEST SHOCK...
ANYWAY.
HE FELT THE SAME WAY I DID...
HUH?
I'VE SAID WHAT I NEEDED TO...
...SO I'M LEAVING.
I'LL TAKE THE BLAME FOR WHAT HAPPENED EARLIER.
I'M LEAVING THE DORM.

I MOVED TO THE DORMS TO SAVE MONEY FASTER.
BUT THE DEBT'S MOSTLY REPAID.
SO I CAN LEAVE.
BUT...
I DON'T LIKE ROOM-MATES ANYWAY.
NO, I WAS PLANNING TO MOVE SOONER OR LATER.
EVERYONE SAID IT'S GOING TO BE OKAY.
WHAT?
WHY?
UH...
UM... I...
KUDOU-SAN WORKED HARD TO FIND THAT ROOM FOR ME.
I KEEP SAYING I WANT TO BE INDEPENDENT.
SO I REALLY SHOULDN'T BE SAYING THIS, BUT...
WAIT...
WAIT A MINUTE...
I WON'T GO TOO FAR.
IT MIGHT BE HARD FOR YOU TO TRAVEL...
...BUT COME VISIT ME TOO.

PLEASE TAKE ME WITH YOU.
UM...
I'LL DO ANY-THING.
SO PLEASE...
I CAN CLEAN.
I'LL BE GOOD.
.....
I'M GLAD.

PLEASE... DON'T TEST ME LIKE THAT.
I WAS WAITING FOR YOU TO SAY THAT.
I JUST WANTED YOU TO BE SURE.
SOR-RY.
HAVE TO BE SO RESERVED.
YOU DON'T...
MAYBE I SHOULD ...
YEAH.
OF COURSE.
TAKE CARE OF ME ALWAYS.
PLEASE STAY WITH ME FOREVER.
...BE MORE OPEN ABOUT WHAT I WANT.

I WAS PLANNING ON THAT.
AND SO...
KUDOU-SAN AND I...
THANKS, NII-SAN.
THANK YOU, EVERY-ONE.
VROOOM
HE REALLY LEFT...
BOO BOO
RESPON-SIBILITY, HUH? HE JUST WANTED TO MAKE HIS LOVE NEST.
How boring
.....
LONELY THAT YOUR BROTHER'S GONE?
YEAH RIGHT.
I WAS THE ONE WHO HELPED HIM THE MOST.
TO SET HIS HEART FREE...
How corny!
Shut up!

AND NOW...
BADUM BADUM BADUM
...I'M FINALLY ALONE WITH KUDOU-SAN.
OH NO. I CAN'T BREATHE NORMALLY.
FOOD FOOD FOOD
CLINK CLINK
I WANT TO DO SOMETHING...
BUT IT'S STILL LIGHT OUTSIDE, AND WE'RE NOT DONE CLEANING.
MAYBE WE SHOULD CLEAN LATER...
HUH!?
What did you say?
CLANG
NO, NEVER MIND.
Let's clean first
BADUM-BADUM BADUM BADUM
IT'S ALMOST TIME FOR THE REAL THING BUT I'M SO NERVOUS.
BUT IF WE DON'T GO ALL THE WAY, WE CAN'T MOVE FORWARD.

JUST GO FOR IT! GO! GO! GO!
KU...
KUDOU-SAN!
TACKLE
BONK
Eek
.....
I won't do it again..
I'M, I'M, I'M SORRY...
SHEESH...
SHOOT!
Did it again!
OH...
YOU'RE SUCH A NAUGHTY KITTY...

KUDOU-SAN...
MN.
MMN.
MM.
AH.
AH.
SMACK
PANT

MY VOICE...
MM...
OH NO.
IT FEELS TOO GOOD.
I'VE ALWAYS WANTED THIS.
I NEED TO TAKE MY PANTS OFF...
OR I...
WRIGGLE
SO KNOWING I CAN DO IT NOW MAKES ME...
KUDOU-SAN...
...CAN'T HOLD IT?
I'M SORRY...
AH...
TWITCH
ヒール
ア…

MN!
MMN.
AH.
PUSH
AH...
SMACK
SLURP
NO WAY...
NO WAY...
MMM.
SHOULD I SAY "NO"?
NORMALLY, PEOPLE MIGHT SAY "STOP!"
!
...FEELS SO GOOD...
I-I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO...
PANT
PANT
PANT
IT...
BUT...
PANT
MIZU-KI...
ARE YOU OKAY?

I CAN'T BE RESERVED AT A TIME LIKE THIS...
I WANT TO BE HONEST.
PANT
OKAY.
PLEASE KEEP GOING...
.....
PANT
KUDOU-SAN...
PLEASE... COME IN.
HURRY...
DON'T STOP...
PANT
NURP
...
MIZUKI...
PANT
I...
...WANT TO COME TOGE-THER.
PANT
THEN I WON'T HOLD BACK.
AH...
PUSH

KUDOU-SAN...
AH.
MIZU-KI...
I WON'T WORRY ANYMORE...
ABOUT WHETHER WE CAN BE TOGETHER.
I CAN ONLY IMAGINE MYSELF...
...BEING WITH HIM RIGHT NOW...

AND SO...
MY NEW LIFE BEGAN...
HUH?
YOU GOT A FULL-TIME JOB?
?
I wonder if it's okay
YES, BUT...
IT'S SOLELY THROUGH CONNEC-TIONS...
THIS IS OUR LAST CHANCE TO INTERVENE.
THOUGH IT'S MORE FOR US...
...THAN FOR MIZUKI.
We're bored.
EVERY-ONE FROM REPOSE...
...AT THE REPOSE DORM MANAGER'S OFFICE.
AR-RANGED A JOB FOR ME...
IT'S MORE TO KEEP AN EYE ON HIM.
MANAGER. CAN YOU TAKE CARE OF MI-CHAN?
MEOW
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MIZUKI.
MAKE SURE YOU COME HOME AT NIGHT.
MY DAYS OF TURMOIL AREN'T OVER...
NOW, NOW, DON'T BE SO RIGID.
ISN'T THIS MORE HARASSMENT THAN INTERVENTION?
Time for work.
Let's go.
I WANT TO REPAY MY THANKS.
BUT SINCE THEY TOOK CARE OF ME...
DELI-VERY.
QUIT IT, MI-CHAN.
MEOW
REPOSE TOKYO
PRETTY SOON...
I'M GOING TO BE KNOWN AS...
THE "MANEKI CAT" OF REPOSE DORMS.
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KUDOU-SAN, HERE'S YOUR COFFEE.
OH, THANKS.
BONUS
KUDOU-KUN, YOU WANT TO GO DRINKING TONIGHT?
♡
I'M SORRY. I'M TRYING TO CUT BACK.
SINCE HE'S STARTED LIVING WITH MI-KUN...
KUDOU'S CHANGED.
YEAH. HE'S AN ANNOYING "NICE GUY" NOW.
HAVING A PET CAN DO WONDERS.
HE'S PROBABLY SPENDING EVERY DAY MEOW MEOWING.
URG
Welcome home!♡
Play with me! Hold me!
DASH
I'm sleepy now
I'M SO JEALOUS! I WANT A CUTE CAT TOO!
"I HOPE YOU'RE HAVING A GOOD DAY. THE FIFTH FLOOR OF THE DORM HAD A WATER LEAK, SO I CAN'T LEAVE UNTIL THE PLUMBER FIXES IT. I'M GOING TO BE LATE SO PLEASE DON'T WAIT FOR ME."
-MIZUKI
PEEP PEEP PEEP
PEEP

I'M HOME!
KUDOU-SAN! ♡
SORRY I'M LATE.
...IT'S FINE.
DID YOU EAT YET?
NOT YET...
I WAITED.
THEN PERFECT.
THEY GAVE ME FOOD, SO PLEASE EAT THIS.
THERE'S A LOT.
HOW ABOUT YOU?
OH...
I ATE AT THE CAFETERIA WITH THE FIFTH FLOOR RESIDENTS.
Sorry
IS IT GOOD? ♡
MUNCH MUNCH
...I'M A LITTLE LONELY...
HUG
What's wrong?
I can't clean.
ACTUALLY...
...KUDOU IS THE ONE BEING KEPT AS PET.

KUDOU WAS UPSET WITH MIZUKI...
SO HE BOUGHT A PRESENT.
SHEESH.
I CAN'T BELIEVE HE DIDN'T TELL ME.
DID YOU HEAR? TODAY IS MIZUKI'S BIRTHDAY.
THEN WE SHOULD CELEBRATE.
I'M SURE HE HAS PLANS WITH...
YOU-KNOW-WHO
.....
BIRTHDAY? MIZUKI'S BIRTHDAY?
HE DIDN'T TELL ME ANYTHING.
I KNOW HE'LL SAY HE CAN'T ACCEPT IT...
BUT I'LL MAKE HIM WEAR IT AND LET HIM KNOW HE'S MINE!
RING
IS HE GOING TO DUMP ME?
DOES HE HAVE PLANS WITH SOMEONE ELSE?
WHY DID HE KEEP QUIET?
MEANWHILE...
TODAY...
...IS MY BIRTH-DAY.
I WANT TO ASK FOR SOME-THING, BUT WHAT?
KUDOU STILL DOESN'T GET IT.
How naive
If I tell him it's my birthday...
He might worry about gifts and stuff.
So I'll keep quiet
Mizuki!
MAYBE I SHOULD BE MORE AGGRESSIVE TODAY.
I can wear this!
A collar?
And tell him to do as he pleases!
IN THE END, WHAT THEY BOTH WANT...
...IS LOVE.

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